

drew the breath of freedom. Thus it is always. Within forty miles of the most distant part of our frontier, the most isolated pioneer will ever be found true to America. The man covered in skins, the produce of the chase, and whose only property is his ammunition and his rifle, carries with him the love of the glorious achievements of his fathers in this republic; and what is more, he bears with him also the bounding hope of the future which forms the highest characteristics of the freeman. The Englishman looks back with pride to the annals of his country. The American reverses the telescope, and looks forward to that future era when his beloved country will be the most powerful on the face of the globe, and when free institutions will be universally established." Of course it is, as every democratic child knows, and as Daniel might have known had he spent a fraction of the time in learning and obeying the will of the people, that he has devoted to vain efforts to instruct and control them against their will. His friends have done everything for him but write his epitaph, and they may now do that.

Yours, truly,

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*Willie P. Mangum to William H. Morrell*<sup>38</sup>

WASHINGTON 1<sup>st</sup> Jan: 1846

My dear Sir.

We were interrupted this morning—& I had not time to give you all the Views of the parties on the question alluded to<sup>39</sup>.

I regard it of so much importance, that I have declined going to Baltimore this evening to a Wedding to see you. You are out, & I write.

I went far enough to develope the Views of the Gentleman alluded to.

This is my object. Will you write a private letter to Col. Webb going into the whole matter—& request him (if such be his opinion) to touch the Subject in an *editorial* founded upon *private advices* from Washn. & send a copy of the paper to each Whig of the Senate?

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<sup>38</sup>The original has not been located. This letter is taken from a typed copy in the possession of Dr. Frank Monaghan, Washington, D. C.

See above, III, 401-402, for information about W. H. Morrell.

<sup>39</sup>He refers to the Oregon question. See above, IV, 337-338, 381n, 390, 459-460.